

Montana Wheat and Barley Committee Budget Board Meeting
W.H.E.A.T. Building Conference Room, Great Falls
April 2-3, 2007
Great Falls

(Note: Please read entire set of minutes as various topics are referenced in more than one place.)

The following were present for either a portion of or the entire meeting.

DIRECTORS

Brian Kaae	Kim Holzer
Don Fast	Mel Goffena
Janice Mattson	Don Chaffee
Frank Schoonover	

EX-OFFICIOS

Dr. Jeff Jacobsen, Dean; MSU College of Agriculture and Director; Montana Ag Experiment Station
Marvin Blodgett, Grain Merchandiser

STAFF

Kim Falcon
Cheryl Tuck
Kolleen Spurgin

GUESTS

John Hilton, Deputy Statistician; Montana Agricultural Statistics Service
Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director and Administrator; Agricultural Development Division, Montana
Department of Agriculture
Dale Schuler, Past President; National Association of Wheat Growers
Darin Arganbright, President; Montana Grain Growers Association
Will Roehm, Vice President; Montana Grain Growers Association
Lola Raska, Executive Vice President; Montana Grain Growers Association
Steve Bahnmitter, Producer, Big Sandy
Duane Beirwagen, Producer, Big Sandy
Knud Groesen, Producer, Big Sandy
Carl Mattson, Farm Policy Associate; Montana Grain Growers Association
Bill Herbolich, Program Specialist; Hail Division; Montana Department of Agriculture

Chairman Frank Schoonover called the annual Montana Wheat and Barley Committee budget meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Public comment was called for, with no response.

A review of the meeting minutes for the February 12-13, 2007 Winter Board meeting resulted in the suggested following changes, corrections or additions: on page five, in the Wheat Foods Council report, the word "technology" needs to be replaced with "breeding" and when genetically-modified wheat is mentioned, "potentially" must be inserted before the phrase. Brian Kaae offered these changes. Joel Clairmont asked that "MAFF", on page four be spelled out, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Janice Mattson asked, in the sentence describing her new position with USWA, that the word "have" be inserted before the word "served", eliminating the present tense.

Chairman Schoonover asked for a comprehensive list of acronyms to be distributed to the Board members for their reference.

1) M/S/C Don Fast/Janice Mattson – That the meeting minutes for the February 12-13, 2007 meeting be approved, as amended, with above listed changes.

Kolleen Spurgin presented the January and February financial statements. She detailed that the number of refunds paid back to the producers were a bit less from the previous year, but the refund size was due to increase in production. Generally, expenditures total about 50%, which is typical for this mid-point in the fiscal year.

Mattson asked to have Spurgin add a line on page four to depict the actual percentage of wheat assessments compared to barley assessments.

Executive Vice President Kim Falcon indicated there may be \$180,000 left unexpended by the end of the fiscal year, but this is a 'best guess' estimate. The Committee was presented a projected fund balance, with an estimate of projected revenue.

Falcon updated the Board on a coalition between Montana and North Dakota, which basically would inhibit the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) from sampling country elevators for Paraquat. The offer was made to do this sampling during the Overseas Varietal Analysis (OVA) survey on Hard Red Spring. Additional samples will be pulled from established grain sheds and be tested for Paraquat at both the U.S. and Japanese labs. An educational plan is being developed to get this information to the producers. At this time, Montana and North Dakota still plan to conduct their own tests to compare with Japanese results. Kaae suggests perhaps there is an organization, such as the Wheat Marketing Center, that can be trusted by both sides to do this sampling and testing. A list of Montana elevators related to a Japanese company is being compiled which should facilitate the tracking of samples. Falcon feels, at this point in time, there would be no need to go to Japan, but a group from MAFF may come to Montana in April. There will be a need, if the Board approves, to pay for additional sampling because of the Paraquat issue. (Eight regions and fifteen samples from each region will need to be tested.)

Falcon advised that a container shipment of barley sourced by ConAgra out of Montana was refused by Taiwan because of Malathion contamination. The USDA is helping on this issue, in efforts to see if the international Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX) regulations could address the zero tolerance concerns of Taiwan. Meetings may need to be set up to look at the potential trade barrier this would present. Kaae suggested the problem of Malathion may be "ghost bushels" which had been treated with Malathion and now have come out of long-term storage because of recent high prices. The Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA) is, in the effort of education, issuing another article on the subject. Don Fast added that Reldan may be the next "residue" issue to be dealt with. Falcon added that, as directors, they need to get the word out about how contamination issues will affect price.

Falcon reported that durum samples have been sent to Italy. She is working with the second largest pasta maker in Italy. He, in particular, wants to purchase Montana Hard Red Spring and Hard Red Winter. Agawam was the variety that was sent. The problem with Montana durum is most all, if not all varieties, take up too much Cadmium from the soil. This issue will need to be addressed with both the Japanese and the Italians. Falcon advised that we don't have enough durum to supply the Italians with the variety they prefer, so the strategy is to entice them here and then we can "talk contracting for acreage next year".

It was discussed that the MW & BC will have a half-day Summer Board meeting in Kalispell on Friday, June 29, 2007, from Noon until 4:00 p.m. We will have lunch and be in session as long as needed. Lyn Marie Laurens has been hired to coordinate spouse activities and meal arrangements. Falcon and Tuck will probably be in Kalispell June 27 to assist. Letters for donations have been sent and follow-up calls will be made by Falcon. If she senses additional help is needed, she will contact individual directors. The goal is to raise \$13,000 to pay for the welcome reception, the dinner, the entertainment, and the gift bags. Kaae suggests perhaps boxes of specialty chocolates could be set out at coffee breaks. Donors will be recognized with signage and verbally by outgoing President Leonard Schock. Invitations have all been

sent. Rosie Normand, U.S. Wheat Associates (USWA), will fine-tune the meeting agenda. Directors were asked to wear their MW & BC logo shirts to this meeting.

Mattson reported May 1, 2007 is the IRS deadline to wrap up Wheat Export Trade Education Committee (WETEC) dissolution matters. NAWG is now taking over lobbying efforts and USWA is working on trade promotion formerly handled by WETEC. She feels the USWA proposal is a good overview of the organization. USWA is in the process of looking at an office building to buy in order to have some equity. The location is closer to Arlington than the present location. The concept of co-locating with the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) is still an option. Mattson felt the joint meeting in Tampa (the Commodity Classic) was a good idea. She suggested that next year USWA should still have a booth at this event to help demonstrate the differences between the USWA and NAWG. Mattson remarked there are wheat producing states which do not pay to either USWA or NAWG. It is estimated 4,000 people came through the trade show which emphasized corn and bio-diesel.

Falcon mentioned there had been some questions about how the MW&BC holds all grantees accountable to the same compliance stipulations. As an example of compliance, she mentioned the United Export Strategies (UAE), a business plan for USWA. Additionally, whenever foreign visitors visit, they are asked how often they contact USWA or USGC foreign office personnel as a means of cross-checking the work the foreign offices do as part of their contracts with the Committee.

Don Fast reported on U.S. Grains Council (USGC) activities. The USGC represents corn, sorghum and barley. He noticed, during a Latin American mission for the Council, there was some overlapping in promoting not only barley, but also wheat. He mentioned Falcon had been helpful with the Council, especially with a national malt barley symposium. Fast reiterated that because Montana "lives off its exports", the Committee really sees benefit to the USGC and USWA memberships. The USGC closed its Russian office. The Council also has private industry involvement, making it unique from the USWA organization. He added that the USGC also works in Japan with barley as a human food and this interest is being explored in Taiwan. Additionally, North Dakota is performing livestock feeding trials using DDGs, a by-product of ethanol. Using barley or barley sprouts, along with corn DDGs is under study. There is a new process to take the hull and oil out of barley before it is processed. (DDGs are typically 25% protein, plus oil.)

Falcon added that, interestingly, there is a different issue for each ethanol plant. For some, dry DDGs are burned to power the plant. For others, wet DDGs are a by-product, which causes a big transportation issue.

Kaae reported on the Wheat Foods Council, the domestic arm for wheat marketing. They also incorporate industry funding in their dues structure. The big focus is the nutritional value of wheat and wheat foods products. A media campaign will bring school children to New York to see wheat in its various stages from farm to table. There is a move to get the Grains Foundation to join back in with the WFC. He feels the Council is a valuable organization and would not like to see the funding of the WFC dropped. "We are our own best cash customer."

In reviewing the Northern Crops Institute (NCI) meeting, Kaae mentioned this was the first NCI meeting Don Chaffee attended. About half of the Institute's operating funds come from the North Dakota legislature. This entity works with foreign buyers regarding information on sourcing grain and blending U.S. wheats. There will be a short course on barley following the malt barley symposium. Technical advice on quality characteristics is also presented at NCI. Short courses, varied and targeted, are constantly being offered. They also have a crop specialist on staff. At a local Farm Forum in Plentywood, Brian Sorenson, also on staff at NCI, gave a presentation. The event received good press, but Kaae hoped

more producers could have attended. The MW & BC sponsorship of this event was well received and the suggestion was made for continued involvement next year.

Deputy Director Clairmont and Craig Essebaggers, Bureau Chief of the State Grain Lab (SGL) jointly presented an update on the SGL and reviewed the submitted funding proposals. Based on a risk assessment at the SGL, the recommendation that Deidre Murphy, herself a grain producer by background, will conduct a full-blown audit on the SGL. She has already interviewed with Don Fast. She'll look at all legislative action regarding the Lab and she'll visit elevators to get a sense of what needs the SGL has and how it can be profitable. Clairmont asked that \$31,590 be pulled out of the SGL submitted proposal. (This was the component for training and transition.)

Essebaggers indicated some lab equipment will need to be replaced. Since the one component has been removed from the budget proposal, the bottom line for the base request from the SGL (not the indirects proposal), will be \$26,550. There is one employee retiring in June and one in December, which puts the Lab down to two inspectors. Clairmont interjected that the broadband pay plan will benefit the SGL because those who get their licenses will be rewarded. This should allow people to advance more rapidly and see some benefits to making the SGL a long-term career goal. This new pay plan is proposed to be implemented by July 2007. There are six full-time employees (the least amount ever) and four 'temps' and this group has been able to process 20,000 samples. Regrettably, Clairmont reports the SGL is still operating at a loss. This means that once again the Committee will be asked to consider funding SGL indirect costs. Kaae asked if there is any interest in the Department of Agriculture in sharing or pro-rating these SGL indirects. Clairmont indicated there was no interest. In conclusion, the buy-out level is being maintained and the \$50,000 MW & BC grant will be totally expended.

Deputy Director Clairmont reviewed the status of various bills pending in the Legislature. Ag Innovation Centers funding was entered back into HB 820. It looks like the Hail Bill (537) is seeking to increase the amount of coverage for crops. There is a Montana Certified Natural Beef bill (SB 544) and the Governor is trying to get a Montana-branded natural beef. Additionally, Clairmont stated he felt Senate Journal 13 will pass. The \$3 million which had been dedicated for a fund to fight rail issues, for example, with the Surface Transportation Board, was reduced to \$1 million.

Deputy Director Clairmont indicated Falcon and Essebaggers attended the Legislative Luncheon in observance of National Agriculture Week. 200 people attended the Governor's Summit on Food in Agriculture. "Value-added" seemed to be a key focus. A follow-up action report on the Food Summit will be submitted to the Governor in August.

The pulse crop had a good first year as a check-off entity. Regarding the Young Ag Couples Conference, it is hosted yearly and a funding proposal for \$650 was submitted. Most of the couples come away with high marks for the subjects addressed. It costs about \$29,000 to put on this conference.

The Committee adjourned briefly for lunch and reconvened at 12:15 p.m. with a review of upcoming calendar items. After discussion, the Committee decided that Kim Falcon should go to the Asian Buyers Conference in Bali, Indonesia, to address several issues, including those of chemical tolerances. This meeting will be held July 9-13, 2007. Don Fast feels the Committee should draft a list of concerns for USWA that should be addressed at this meeting.

Kim Holzer will attend the Moccasin Field Day which will mark its 100th anniversary. Talking points will be put together to congratulate; describe our function, etc.

Janice Mattson and Frank Schoonover will try to attend the Conrad Field Day. Brian Kaae and Don Fast will represent the Committee at the Sidney Field Day. Melvin Goffena will try to attend the Corvallis Field Day. Kim Falcon and Don Fast will go to Toronto for the USGC meeting in August.

Marvin Blodgett gave his "View from the Trade" report, starting with a review of recent market activity following last Friday's USDA Planting Intentions report. He indicated General Mills (GMI) business in organics has really grown in the last year, at times having to purchase some organic needs from Canada. Currently, GMI is interested in White Tiger, a low polyphenol oxidase (PPO) hard white wheat. (GMI does need 13% protein for their purposes.) Basically, however, the hard white program for GMI will be much smaller than in the past. He distributed some reasons for what the market has done, and why, pointing out trends and areas of interest. He mentioned whatever the market does, it tends to overdo. He speculated the futures could go up 30¢. He distributed some stockastics charts and concluded with a review of the grain trade's recent announcements of intent to build a shuttle facility (Columbia Grain) at Carter, (ConAgra) at Moore, and Montana Milling intends to construct a processing plant north of Great Falls.

Falcon presented Terry Whiteside's Transportation Report. He was unable to present due to treacherous weather driving conditions. The Transportation Report reviewed the major components of Senate Rail Competition (SB 953) and the House Rail Competition bills, Shipper Day on Capitol Hill, current Montana and national rail issues, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) critique of the "Rail 101" booklet, a comparison of costs of farm inputs with BNSF rail rates, and features of the Whiteside and Associates 2007/08 budget proposal to the Committee.

Dan Kidd updated the Committee on several matters including activities of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) and the World Trade Organization. In the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), by 2009, 73% of graders will be eligible for retirement. The federal agency has to develop a recruitment plan. Kidd reported FGIS had received 84 requests for wet gluten index testing from Montana and 1,056 requests from Kansas. Regarding "black box" technology to use in determining quality, the major stumbling block is the standardization of farinograph readings. The whole grain testing program is really in limbo and Kidd reports that "the commercials" would just as soon see all of the grain inspection services go private. Additionally, Kidd reported the International Outreach Program is a great success, even with a very conservative budget of \$400,000. This amount is matched and used to transport a pool of inspectors anywhere in the world where there may be questions or problems with cargo shipments of grain. This program has been especially important in Mexico. A new method of testing for mycotoxin (basically in corn) but for all grains, will be instituted. The federal government is working diligently to try to standardize testing with the European Union. Kidd advised he is termed out on the FGIS Advisory Council and feels it imperative that Montana be represented on this Council. He has reapplied for the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC).

In conclusion, Kidd reported the U.S./Korean Free Trade Agreement passed. FTAs with Peru and Panama may also pass. An FTA with Colombia has major problems with labor as a big issue and it lacks support in the Senate. Kidd felt that all aspects of the disbanding of the Canadian Wheat Board from barley marketing should be confirmed – especially the exporting of barley. Recent renewed World Trade Organization talks looked promising until India became upset last week on sensitive product issues.

Dale Schuler briefed the Committee on functions NAWG fulfills for producers, including providing information on national and regional issues to not only producers but also to policy makers. Other focus issues include: crop insurance (90% of Montana cropland is currently covered), disaster assistance, rail issue hearings, general competitiveness for wheat and the domestic Farm Bill legislation.

Darin Arganbright presented his perspective of MGGA's role on the NAWG board, citing involvement with the following issues, among others: rural development, environmental and renewable resources, research, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQUIP) and the Joint Trade Issues.

Kidd reported on the National Barley Growers Association's (NBGA) activities. National barley acreage has declined by 75% in the past twenty years, which, in effect, makes the U.S. an unreliable supplier

because barley production declined 65% during this same period. The International Malting Company currently utilizes one third of Montana's production. Yet, according to Kidd, barley didn't get a fair share out of the last Farm Bill, as discovered by a survey conducted by Gordley and Associates. Consequently, NBGA is seeking increased target and loan rates for barley.

The NBGA supports permanent disaster assistance. The NBGA, along with the National Barley Improvement Committee, spends a considerable amount of time on barley research. The NBGA does not support the proposed consolidation of Agricultural Research Service/Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service/USDA (ARS/CREES). The NBGA is a proponent of Trade Promotion Authority and is very supportive of bilateral Free Trade Agreements. Additionally, the NBGA has been working on urea importation. Crop insurance is a huge issue for malt barley growers because of the disparity between what is available to feed and malt barley growers and that which is available to other commodities. The NBGA will work toward a better program. Tax issues and the Conservation Security Program will also be part of the NBGA agenda.

Following a brief break, another call for public comment was made.

Duane Beirwagen, Big Sandy producer and member of MGGA and Farm Bureau, thanked the Committee for the producer trip to Portland he participated in, which was sponsored by the Committee. He also asked the Committee to give serious consideration to funding NAWG's proposal.

Knud Grosen, producer from Big Sandy and past president of MGGA, also spoke in support of NAWG funding, saying it is impossible for individual farmers to negotiate productively and the NAWG organization needs to be kept viable. He urged the Committee to fully fund NAWG.

Steve Bahnmilller, Big Sandy producer, also offered his support for NAWG funding.

John Hilton, Deputy State Statistician, Montana Agricultural Statistics Service (MASS), presented the MASS update and proposal discussion for Peggy Stringer who was ill. April 2 marked the first 2007 release of the Weekly Crop Reports and he presented some early findings from this report and the March 30 Planting Intentions report. He indicated the actual proposals and submitted funding amounts remained unchanged from the previous year.

Kim Holzer strongly urged the Committee's support for the Wheat Marketing Center (WMC) proposal. She advised the Falling Numbers machine should be removed from the WMC proposal, as it was recently purchased by the Washington Wheat Commission. Most other existing equipment in the WMC is over fifteen years old. Holzer added the WMC is always busy.

Janice Mattson reviewed the National Barley Foods Council (NBFC) proposal, saying she would hate to see the national web site discontinued because of lack of funding. She suggested the Committee fund the NBFC for \$5,000 until other places to outsource NBFC projects are found. She cited the increased interest generated after the article on the health benefits of barley appeared on the Food and Drug Administration web site.

Falcon reviewed all funding needs for which no formal proposals were submitted.

The Committee discussed possible tentative budget levels, based on anticipated revenue and reserve predictions and these ranged from 2.4 to 2.6 million dollars. Kidd advised that he recalled interagency budget items, such as the SGL, are not included in the total spending authority figure.

Dr. Jacobsen reviewed Montana State University (MSU) projects submitted for funding consideration. He senses, in this legislative session year, strong support for MSU. He explained funding sources available

(Montana general or federal Hatch funds) to the College of Agriculture. The federal funds, \$2 million of which is distributed through the formula mechanism of the national state experiment station system, is basically stagnant. Consequently, Dr. Jacobsen reports his expenses and overhead costs are such that he is having to "cannibalize" to cover costs. There will be no federal funds for earmarked accounts in the FY 2007 budget. About \$1.3 million from federal coffers must be for multi-state research project dispersal. Additionally, Dr. Jacobsen clarified that a new contract for the Follow the Grain endowment (\$20,000) and Operations (\$10,000) must be written with the MSU Foundation to straighten out paperwork.

2) M/S/C Brian Kaae/Don Fast – That the former 2006 contract with MSU for the "Follow the Grain" endowment be terminated, with Executive Vice President Falcon directed to draw up a new contract with the MSU Foundation as a replacement to correct existing paperwork.

3) M/S/C Kim Holzer/Janice Mattson – That should Kim Falcon decide it is necessary for her to attend the Asian Buyers' Conference in Bali, Indonesia to address numerous trade issues, she be allowed to make this trip.

The Committee adjourned for the day at 4:50 p.m.

The regular business session of this meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3, following an Executive Session from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Falcon added the following item to the calendar of upcoming events: Japanese Technical Team in Bozeman July 11-12.

Kaae asked the Committee to discuss setting a policy on issuing an "op ed" piece or a letter of support, such as the one issued which demonstrated the importance of Trade Promotion Authority to market development efforts (SJ 17). His concern is to avoid making a direct comment, as a Committee, on an active bill, as this could be construed as lobbying. The letter in question was signed off on with several other farm organizations. Kaae felt such a practice could alienate those groups who did not sign off on this and could have repercussions for the Committee. Kaae also stated that all directors need to have an opportunity to review such a letter before it is issued. He suggested if such a letter is sent in the future, it come only from the Committee (not other farm groups) and a majority consensus of the directors will be sufficient to approve its release. A policy including these two main points will be drawn up. Deputy Director Clairmont felt it is within the scope of the Committee, as a business practice, to draw up such a policy. Falcon appreciates having such a policy in place in the future and the Committee thanked Kaae for bringing the matter to the table.

Dr. Jacobsen briefly reviewed the pending MSU proposals, detailing new projects; ones that may represent an annual involvement; etc.

It was discussed that a policy be developed that the MW & BC does not pay "indirects" as part of its awarded research grants. Dr. Jacobsen agreed.

4) M/S/C Don Fast/Brian Kaae – That the MW & BC does not pay "indirects" as part of its awarded research grants.

Fast suggested Falcon work with MGGA to restructure how NAWG's proposal verbiage should be changed in the existing proposal. Because of the timing of the receipt of the NAWG proposal (the last day proposals were accepted), there was no time to do this before the budget meeting. Fast added that, for the purpose of setting the new budget figure, the Committee should fund the NAWG proposal at the requested amount, contingent on revised contract language palatable to the MW & BC. Chairman Schoonover added

that NAWG needs to identify the areas or issues that will be monitored through this NAWG proposal. A letter must be sent to describe the condition under which monies for NAWG will be dispersed and it is understood by the Committee that no payment will be made until a quarterly report is received. Regarding funding for a Conservation Security Program (CSP) project, the Committee wishes to fund work on this project even though no proposal was submitted by MGGA. The amount would be \$30,000 and an additional \$10,000 should be added for North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) label work. Falcon will have MGGA submit a proposal for this work, and, for the present time, the Committee will set aside funding in their budget to cover the project. The directors will have an opportunity to read the proposal.

Kaae asked if the SGL could possibly gather the grain samples required for various survey projects such as the USWA and Overseas Varietal Analysis surveys. The SGL could gather and composite the samples and then send them to MSU for milling and baking tests and thereby eliminate the need to fund out-of-state entities and channel a new revenue source to the SGL. \$13,000 will be left in the budget to address this so that the SGL and MSU can determine if they can take on the new duties this would involve. It was mutually decided to back away from the producer tour to the Pacific Northwest for a year and develop a plan for soliciting participants, designing the course, etc. for the following year. Chairman Schoonover suggested the elevator and producer tours could be alternated and/or combined.

Both the Montana Farmers Union and the Montana Farm Bureau Federation have been asked to come up with new funding proposal ideas in the future for the Committee to consider. In the interest of fairness, it was determined both entities should receive \$10,000.

After discussion, the Committee determined to fund six pages and the USWA insert in the Trader's Dispatch instead of twelve pages.

A new proposal, not line-itemed, will be needed from the Future Farmers of America group.

The Committee discussed the need to reallocate approximately \$185,000 to 197,865 of unexpended funds for the current year before the end of this fiscal year. Dr. Jacobsen was asked to submit a supplemental equipment proposal for consideration. Falcon advised the Committee the USGC would allow prepayment of their membership dues but the State does not. Further discussion was held about the correct spending appropriation figure. Bill Herbolich and Deputy Director Joel Clairmont spoke with Kathy Seacat, Administrator; Central Services Division, Montana Department of Agriculture, by phone and that figure is \$2,107,041. MASS, SGL and the Ag Development Division are considered "contingencies" and not included in the total spending authority number. It was clarified that "indirects" for the MW & BC should be \$77,029 and "salaries" should be \$240,000. "Indirects" represent 20 percent of salaries plus 2.5 percent of grants. Deputy Director Clairmont will find out the exact amount of what needs to be spent in this fiscal year in order to stay within the confines of the Committee's spending authority. Falcon will figure out how that money will be spent, with direction from the Committee. (Dr. Jacobsen will submit another \$200,000 equipment proposal to be considered for the current budget year, as discussed earlier.)

Kaae asked to see an historical accounting of the percentages the state assesses for indirects.

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5) M/S/C Don Fast/Melvin Goffena – That the Committee set the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget figure at \$2,499,376, contingent on the final ruling on the spending authority amount.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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